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> Results: 21 of 554 Tests Positive for COVID-19; Beware of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Results: 21 New Cases of COVID-19

Twenty-one (21) new cases of COVID-19 were identified out of **554** tests performed on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. **Four** cases were identified through contact tracing. **One** case reported recent travel and was identified in quarantine.

To date, there have been a total of **7,378** officially reported cases of COVID-19 with **123** deaths, **110** cases in active isolation and **7,145** not in active isolation.

TODAY'S CAR SCORE*

1.2

*The COVID Area Risk (CAR) Score accounts for the incidence of new cases, how well current testing identifies these cases, and the rate of spread. The ideal long-term goal is to sustain a CAR Score of 2.5 or less, which has been shown to correlate with very low to zero COVID-related hospitalizations and deaths.

The following tables provide COVID-19 test results reported to the Joint Information Center on Wednesday, January 6 and reflects results from Tuesday, January 5:

COVID-19 CASE COUNT	TOTAL	NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY	PAST 7 DAYS
COVID-19 CASES:	7,378	21	70
CONFIRMED CASES:	7,192	19	62
PROBABLE CASES:	186	2	8

COVID-19 TESTING ON GUAM	TOTAL	NEW TESTS REPORTED TODAY	7-DAY % POSITIVE
DIAGNOSTIC TESTS	103,756	554	3.8%
MOLECULAR TESTS	97,645	326	4.2%
ANTIGEN TEST	6,111	228	2.2%
SEROLOGY TESTS	329	0	100%

CASE BREAKDOWN			
STATUS	TOTAL	CURRENT ISOLATION LOCATION	TOTAL
COVID-19 Death	123	Hospital	11
Active Isolation	110	Home	80

Not In Isolation	7,145	Isolation Facility	14
Civilian	7,046	Military	5
Military Service Member	332		

COVID HOSPITAL CENSUS	Guam Memorial Hospital	Guam Regional Medical City	U.S. Naval Hospital	TOTAL
COVID ADMISSION	10	1	0	11
IN ICU	3	0	0	3
ON VENTILATOR	1	0	0	1

The following provides COVID-19 vaccinations reported to the Joint Information Center on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 for vaccinations administered from December 17 to January 5:

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		1a	Healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care facilities	
Okkodo High School	3,586	1b	Elderly adults ages 75 years and older	
		10	First responders and essential frontline workers	
Guam Memorial Hospital	964	1a	Healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care facilities	
		1b	Elderly adults ages 75 years and older	
Northern Region Community Health Center	32			
Guam Regional Medical City	485		Healtheare paragnal and	
Saint Dominic's Senior Care Home	72	1a	Healthcare personnel and residents of long-term care facilities	
Capuchin Friary	5			
Notre Dame	5			
Mercy Healthcare	30			
TOTAL 5,179 Total Reactions Reported to VAERS*: 3				

*Healthcare agencies are required to report certain adverse events or reactions to vaccines to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System. VAERS is an early warning system to detect possible safety problems in U.S.-licensed vaccines, and is co-managed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Beware of COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) advises the public of possible scams related to the COVID-19 vaccine and Medicare. Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine, so there will be no cost to Medicare beneficiaries. If anyone asks beneficiaries to share their Medicare Number or pay for access to the vaccine, you can bet it's a scam. Here's what the public needs to know:

- You can't pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine.
- You can't pay to get early access to a vaccine.
- Don't share your personal or financial information if someone calls, texts, or emails you promising access to the vaccine for a fee.

In addition:

- Be suspicious of anyone going door-to-door to offer free coronavirus or COVID-19 testing, supplies, treatments, or vaccines. Ask for ID and make sure the individual(s) are employed by DPHSS first.
- Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicines to prevent the virus. Check with your health care provider before paying for or receiving any COVID-19-related treatment.
- Carefully review your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB), looking for errors or claims for products or services that weren't received.
- Follow the instructions of your state or local government for other actions you should be taking in response to COVID-19

The information provided above is available at medicare.gov. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine you can visit cdc.gov or dphss.guam.gov. If you come across a COVID-19 vaccine scam, contact the Guam Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) within the Division of Senior Citizens (DSC), DPHSS phone at (671) 735-7421 or (671) 735-7415, or via email:

Biba.SeniorCitizens@dphss.guam.gov. If you have more inquiries, Medicare counseling is available via phone calls on Tuesday and Wednesdays.

GBHWC Crisis Hotline

The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) has a Crisis Hotline that is available 24/7 at (671) 647-8833/4. For those feeling anxious, stressed, overwhelmed or are needing to talk to someone, GBHWC has experienced providers available and ready to assist the community with any heightened stress and anxiety experienced as a result of COVID-19.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit <u>dphss.guam.gov</u> or <u>guamrecovery.com</u>. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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